

capacity, who shall wilfully divulge the contents or the nature of the contents of any private communication entrusted to him for transmission or delivery, or who shall wilfully refuse or neglect to transmit or deliver the same shall, on conviction before any court, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall suffer imprisonment in the jail in the county or city where such conviction shall be had, for a term of not more than three months, or shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court.

1868, ch. 471, sec. 136.

231. If the wires or cords of any telegraph line be located or stretched, or extended from one post or pole to another in such manner as to prevent the owner of any timber growing along the line of such telegraph corporation from cutting and felling the same, and the owner thereof in cutting or felling such timber shall injure the wires, cords or posts of such telegraph line, he shall not be liable to an action for damages, unless it shall appear that in such cutting and felling, or in having the same cut or felled, the said owner wilfully and intentionally injured such wires, cords and posts.

1884, ch. 360.

232. The provisions of the preceding sections, from 222 to 231, both inclusive, in relation to telegraph companies, shall likewise apply to and have full force and effect in respect to telephone companies created under the provisions of this article.

Ches. & Pot. Tel. Co. v. B. & O. Tel. Co., 66 Md. 410.

Turnpike, Plank Road and Passenger Railway Companies.

1868, ch. 471, sec. 107. 1882, ch. 456.

233. Corporations for making turnpikes, or plank roads, or passenger railways outside of the limits of the city of Baltimore, may be formed as hereinbefore provided; no such passenger railway to exceed twelve miles in length; and such turnpikes, plank roads, or passenger railways may be constructed on the bed of any county road or on part of the bed thereof, the consent of the county commissioners of the county in which said road may lie, having been first given in writing and recorded among the proceedings of said county commissioners, and also recorded in the